

CARR-1588

3500 Young Rd., Millers

Summary:

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**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Millers Cigar Factory

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3500 Young Road not for publication

city, town Millers vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Beverly I. Birch

street & number 3500 Young Road telephone no.:

city, town Millers state and zip code Maryland 21102

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber LWS 2031

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 962

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1883 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

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11. Form Prepared By

city or town Westminster state Maryland

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Description

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The Miller Cigar Factory is located at 3500 Young Road at the southwest intersection of this road with Miller's Station Road in the settlement of Millers in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The house faces northeast toward Young Road and is a 2 story three bay by two bay frame structure with a rubble-stone foundation; aluminum siding and a gable roof of standing seam metal with a northwest to southeast ridge. The house has a center entrance plan. The northeast elevation has a four panel door with a transom on the first story and a 2/2 sash on either side of the doorway. The second story has three 2/2 sash. There is a 1 story three bay porch with a half hip roof of standing seam metal; four chamfered posts and jigsawn brackets. The porch has a new balustrade. The southeast elevation has a cellar bulkhead in the foundation in the south bay. The first and second stories each have two 2/2 sash and there are two small 2/2 sash in the gable end. There are interior brick chimneys on both the southeast and northwest gable ends. There is a three bay by one bay 1 1/2 story ell attached to the southwest elevation. The ell is unusual in that it has a shed roof that slopes down to the northeast. The southeast elevation of the ell has a full 2 story profile. There are three short 1/1 sash on the first story and three tall 1/1 sash on the second story. The southwest elevation of the ell has no openings. There is a modern addition in the southwest crook formed by the main block in the ell. The northwest elevation of the main block is identical to the southeast elevation. Moved to elsewhere, the northeast elevation has a central gabled wall dormer with a semi-circular arched 2/2 sash. The transom has three lights and the door has four belection moulded panels.

The first story has a center entrance vestibule with an enclosed stairway that runs up to the southwest. The house has a single pile plan and originally had one room in the ell. The east room is the most significant as wallpaper was recently removed from the walls revealing original or early stenciling and paint. The walls are painted brown and have stenciling along the freeze of a yellow oaker and several shades of green. There is also a border along the ceiling with a stylized floral pattern employing the same colors. In the center of the room is a compass design on the ceiling. The architraves are plain head-cut trim with the top piece pedimented but with no mouldings applied. In the center of the southeast elevation is a wood mantel piece that has chamfered pilasters with applied panels and a tutor arch between them. The freeze is plain and has applied cartouches above each pilaster. There is a simple beveled bed mould and the mantel shelf has a scallop cut to it. This was never a functioning fireplace but was always constructed for a stove. The north room apparently originally functioned as the kitchen but has been greatly altered. The ell room walls and ceiling are covered with beaded-edge-in-center boards that are painted. Part of the room has been enclosed to create a bathroom and part of the ceiling has been removed to create a loft. The second story plan mirrors the first story. Contributing resources

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The year 1883 was a busy one for the new settlement of Millers, which was known at the time as Tank Post Office, apparently because a water tank for locomotives was located nearby and the post office took its name from this. In September of that year, a correspondent to the Westminster newspaper wrote:

Our community is rapidly increasing. John Miller, J. Barnhart and R. Hoffnagle are building new houses; Henry K. Miller and George Barber intend to build either late this fall or next spring.... Louis Redding's new building is in a fair way of completion. Augustus Redding has weather-boarded his dwelling house and is making preparation to paint it.

Presumably, the new house John Miller was building was this cigar factory. While George Diese was a partner in the operation, he sold his share to Miller in 1885 for \$600. Miller retained the property until 1931.

The building that Miller and Diese constructed was a dwelling with a manufacturing room attached to the rear. The house was very typical of residential architecture of Carroll County in the 1880's, especially for towns in this area. A traditional three-bay, center entrance, single-pile plan was used, and given a "modern" treatment by the addition of a central gabled wall dormer and jigsawn porch brackets. These features were also very popular at this time. The rear wing reads as a typical kitchen ell, but is unique in its use of a shed roof. the interior is finished with beaded-edge-and-center boards on the walls and ceiling. This is unusual for housing, but it is impossible to say at this time whether the treatment was common for small factories, or even if there were many such factories attached to dwellings, such as this.

An early photograph of the building shows that the first story openings on the factory have been reduced in size, and the door converted to a window. The windows

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were covered by shutters, probably to prevent burglaries. the rest of the windows did not have shutters or blinds. Like most dwellings of this period, Miller's house had a wood shingle roof. The most significant feature of the house, however, is the recent discovery of original or early paint finishes in the parlor, or primary room, beneath later wallpaper. The room was painted a medium, yellow-brown, with a stenciled frieze and a stenciled band on the ceiling. the stencils are primarily a forest green and a light green, with some dark brown and iron-oxide red, as well. There was a long tradition of the use of stencils in Carroll County dwellings of the nineteenth century. The patterns and colors chosen by Miller are not traditional, however, but are clearly influenced by the Aesthetic movement. Survivals such as this are extremely rare, and considering the age and history of these finishes, they are in relatively good condition. Their future, however, is in question.

Geographical Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods:
Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning

Resource Types:
Rural Vernacular

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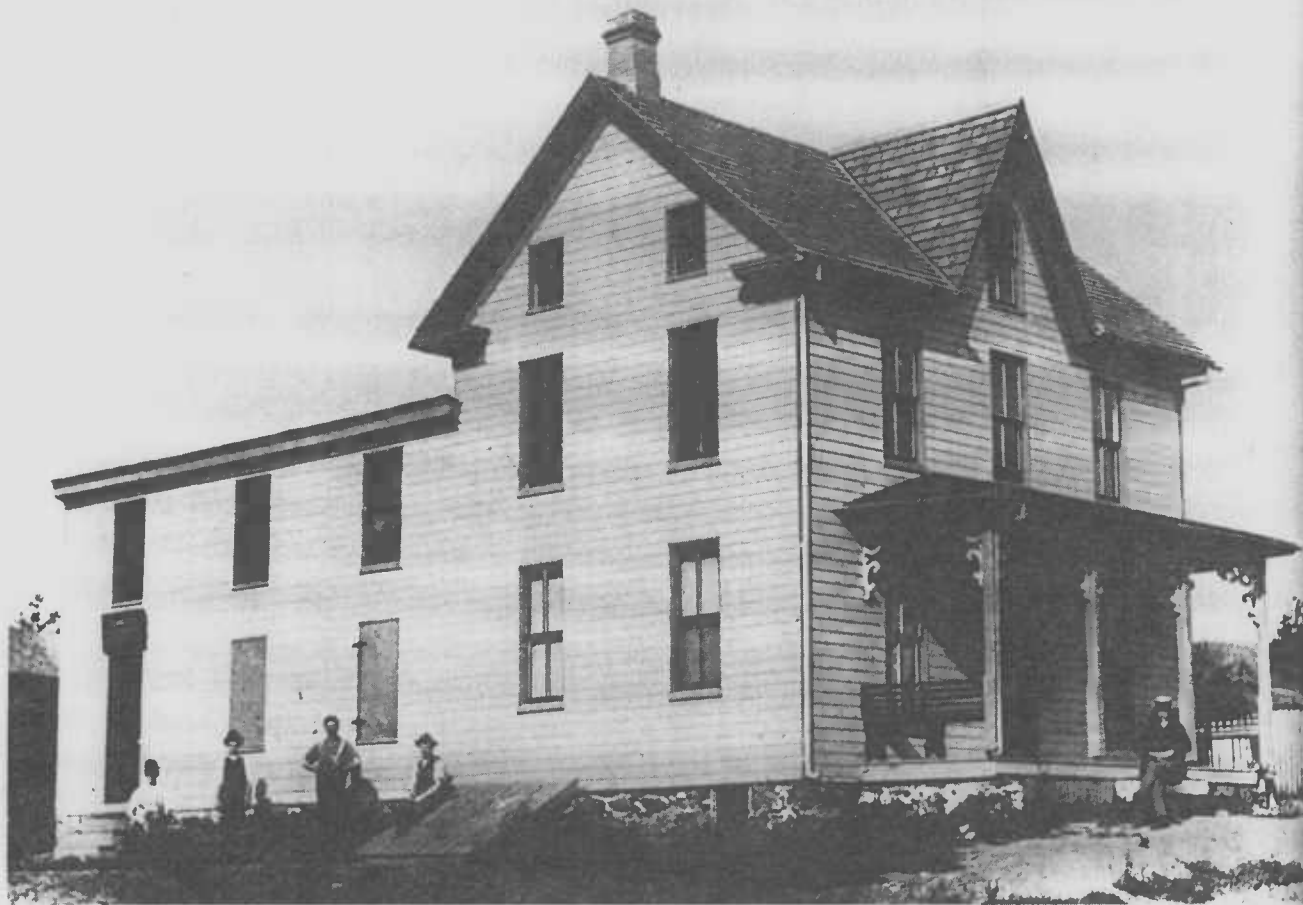
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Beverly I. Birch, Frank L. Reed	Carroll	Beverly I. Birch	?	18 Apr. 1998	LWS 2031	962	Deed fee simple	\$3,000 1. .25 ac. 2. .25 ac. .011 ac.
Constance A. Queen	?	Beverly I. Birch, Frank L. Reed	?	18 Oct. 1996	LWS 1851	479	Deed fee simple	\$99,000 1. .25 ac. 2. .25 ac. .011 ac.
Earl S. Hann & atty. Regina E. Rill	?	Constance A. Queen	?	24 Oct. 1986	LWS 979	496	Deed fee simple	\$36,000 N.W. cor. of Millers Station Rd. & Yound Rd., Millers 1. .25 ac. 2. .25 ac. Hilda d. Aug. 1986
John K. Miller	Carroll	Earl S. & Hilda M. Hann (wf)	?	31 Jan. 1931	EMM 155	109	Deed fee simple	\$1,450 1. .25 ac. 2. .25 ac.
George P. Miller & Catherine (wf)	Carroll	John K. Miller	Carroll	4 Apr. 1885	FTS 62	418	Deed fee simple	\$25.00 ¼ ac. part of lot 1 laid out by George P. Miller at Millers Station on

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
								Balt. & Hanover R.R.
George Diese	Carroll	John K. Miller	Carroll	13 Oct. 1885	GAM 63	351	Deed fee simple	\$600 Diese & Miller were joint owners of lot 1 of lots laid off by George P. Miller ¼ ac.
George P. Miller & Catherine (wf)	Carroll	Geoge Diese, John K. Miller	Carroll	9 Apr. 1883	FTS 62	420	Deed fee simple	\$60.00 ¼ ac. lot 1



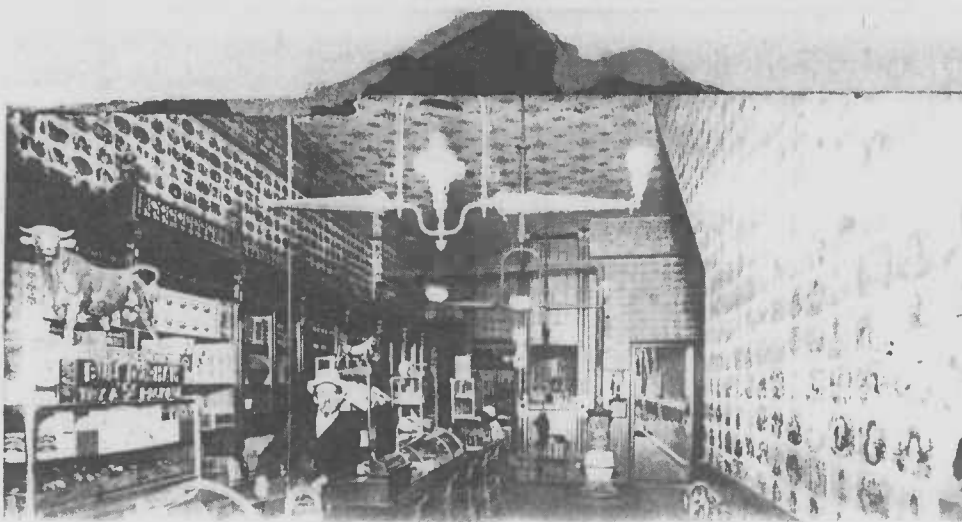
The Mather Printing Company established in 1911 became the Times Printing Company in 1914. After several changes in ownership, the newspaper published by this company became known as *The Carroll County Times*. This photograph dates after 1914.



Above: Manchester became a prominent center for the manufacture of cigars shortly after the Civil War. The Miller Cigar Factory shown in this photograph and the Excelsior Cigar Factory were important in this industry.

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Left: Charles Wantz was a pioneer in the tobacco business in Westminster. Production on a large scale at the Wantz Cigar Factory began in 1869. The Wantz Cigar Store and Factory moved to Main Street in the early 1880's. Walls in the store were covered with cigar box labels.



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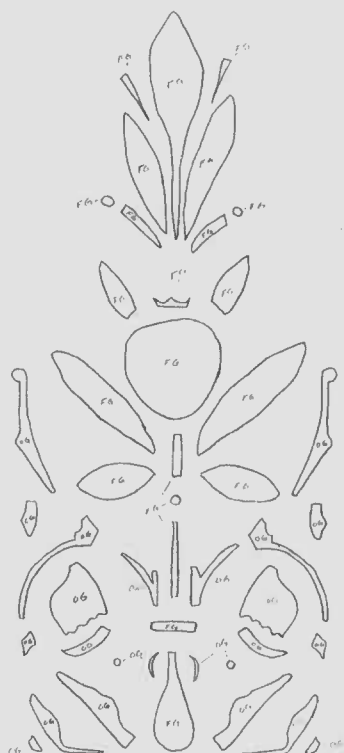
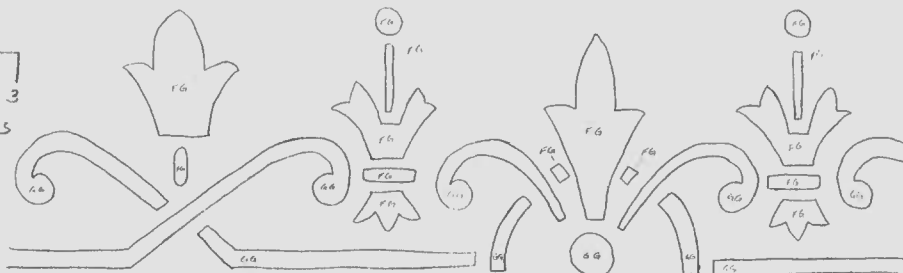
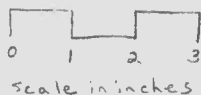
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KEY

GRAND - 1/2" SCALE DESIGN
 DB - DARK BROWN
 FG - FOREST GREEN
 LG - LIGHT GREEN
 OG - LIGHT OLIVE GREEN

3500 YOUNG ROAD - MILLERS
 STENCILING - FRIEZE BORDER & CEILING BAND

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MILLERS, CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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